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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Application Number	09/048,795
Filing Date	March 27, 1998
First Named Inventor	TOSHIO ICHIZAKI
Group Art Unit	1765
Examiner Name	M.A. Anderson
Attorney Docket Number	03560.002127

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply
- ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205

- i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ 740.00 and \$130.00 enclosed

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Date	July 18, 2002		

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TOSHIRO ICHIZAKI ) Examiner: M.A. Anderson  
Application No.: 09/048,795 ) Group Art Unit: 1765  
Filed: March 27, 1998 )  
For: PRODUCTION APPARATUS )  
AND METHOD OF )  
FLUORIDE CRYSTAL, AND )  
CRUCIBLE : July 18, 2002

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT (SUBMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114)

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for  
Continued Examination is being filed herewith.

IN THE TITLE

Please replace the title currently on file with the following:

--PRODUCTION APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING A CRYSTAL--

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